

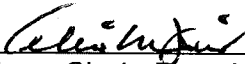
WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

POLICY: **3403**

Adopted: **March 6, 2009**

SUBJECT: **Self Harm/Suicide Threats/Suicide Attempts by Students**

Approved by:


Allie "AJ" Joiner, Chair, Board of Trustees

The Board is committed to promoting healthy relationships and a safe learning environment. To this end, all student threats or actions related to self-harm or suicide occurring on school property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the school will be immediately addressed. Staff will take all information regarding threats or actions of self-harm or suicide seriously. Staff will follow the procedures below for the protection of the student. Staff will make no promises to the student about keeping the information secret. Information regarding self-harm, suicide threats or suicide attempts cannot be held as confidential. With the student's knowledge, information related to self-harm or suicide risk should be shared with relevant professionals, caregivers and parents/guardians, solely for the purpose of keeping the student alive and safe. This policy is in effect for all students regardless of age. For the purpose of this policy, "parents" shall refer to parents, legal guardians, custodians, and caregivers of students that are under the age of 18 years or parents of students 18 or older for whom the adult student has given the school written permission to communicate with the parent.